

MATHIAS CORREA, LAWYER, 53, DIES

Ex-U.S. Attorney for New
York Southern District

Mathias F. Correa, who was United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1941 to 1943, died yesterday of an internal hemorrhage from a massive ulcer at United Hospital in Port Chester, N. Y. He was 53 years old and lived on Dogwood Lane in Rye, N. Y.

Mr. Correa resigned from his post in 1943 to enter the Army as a captain. He was called back to Washington by James V. Forrestal, who was Secretary of the Navy, as a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps to serve as special assistant to Mr. Forrestal.

Mr. Correa later returned to private law practice with Cahill, Gordon, Reindel & Ohl, where he was a partner.

While in private practice he continued service to the Government. In 1948 and 1949 he was a member of a three-man committee appointed to review the country's intelligence system. The report of the committee was the basis for the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency by former President Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Correa was, from 1957 to 1959, chairman of the Governor's Committee to Review the Parole System of the State of New York. A report of that committee resulted in legislative reforms in the system.

While in the United States Attorney's office, he headed the prosecutions of former Presiding Judge Martin T. Manton of the Circuit Court of Appeals, for bribery; Joseph Schenck of the motion picture industry, for tax evasion, and labor leaders, who were charged with extortion.

Mr. Correa was a graduate of Fordham College and Columbia University Law School. He served on the board of directors of the Legal Aid Society and was a member of the Down Town Association and the Morningside Island Club of Rye.

He was the recipient of a letter of commendation and a commendation ribbon from Mr. Forrestal for meritorious service and was a holder of the Bronze Star Medal and the Croce di Guerra from Italy.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise Kennedy Correa; three daughters, Mary, Louise and Ann; his mother, Mrs. Irene F. Correa, and a brother, Rodolfo.